

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 23, 2018

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met Tuesday, January 23 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Allen Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Richard Bennett, Larry Bischoff, Ed Nelson, and Annette Thompson.

Also, present: Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator; Jeff Hoffman, Area Extension Director; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Dr. Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, Crops & Soils Educator (via telephone); Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator (arrived at 8:35am); Amanda Young, Dairy & Livestock Educator (arrived at 8:40am).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bischoff to approve minutes for Tuesday, December 19, 2017. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO GO OUT OF ORDER AS NEEDED TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT THE MEETING: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Nelson to approve agenda and for Chairman to go out of order. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Behl reported that the county Executive Committee is reviewing County Board rules with a consideration of appointing instead of electing members to the UW Extension Education Committee. Discussion held regarding the merits of appointment versus electing supervisors to committees. Behl updated the committee on the WACEC State Board's planning of a spring conference. The conference is tentative and another planning meeting is scheduled for February.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Bennett, seconded by Bischoff to approve the regular meeting Per Diems for January 23, 2018. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS: Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion & Consideration of Out of State Travel for Marie Witzel to Attend 2018 Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Conference Professional Development through the Wisconsin Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professional. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thompson to approve and forward to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and Consideration of 2018 Contract between Dodge County and Board of Regents of the UW System. Hoffman outlined updates in contract language. It is an annual contract. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bischoff to approve the contract between Dodge County and Board of Regents of the UW System. Discussion held. Motion carried.
- c. PILD Nomination and Discussion
Hoffman reported there are two openings and nominations are to be submitted soon. Behl discussed the process for selection. Applications to be submitted to Matt Hansen or Dave Berard.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: Hoffman updated the committee on county support staff hiring; MOU review; second wave of filling area vacancies including the CRD position in Dodge County; and annual review of faculty and non-faculty staff in the spring.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Carroll: Carroll reported on the outcome of the national webinar she co-presented. Carroll indicated that her presentation was the third in a four part series and that participation continued to go up with over 50 people participating in her presentation. Carroll also reported that she is currently writing content for an eParenting project funded through a grant with the Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI). That work will continue until fall 2018.

Lafler: Lafler reported finishing up with 5th grade classes from various elementary schools and moving along with 3rd grade students as well as continuing with adult education and nutrition lessons at local food pantries. It was also reported that one of the goals for the Dodge/Columbia FoodWise staff was that 50% of youth will report intent to eat more fruits and vegetables. Lafler reported that a parent of a student had spoken with her after a lesson where the students had sampled a raw orange bell pepper. The parent relayed that the student had asked for a pepper as a snack and that while the parent was preparing dinner, which included cut up peppers the student was much more willing to eat it than they had been previously. These are encouraging indicators of the impact of the programming.

Ortiz-Ribbing: Dr. Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, updated the group on continuing efforts towards preparations for winter programs for Dodge County and those shared with Fond du Lac County, such as the Dodge Co. Forage Council Annual Meeting on Feb. 16th, Produce Safety Alliance Training on Feb. 26th in FDL, PAT, and the Healthy Soil Feb. workshop in Dodge). She also shared the success of receiving the DATCP grant (awarded \$27,500) for work with the Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil, Healthy Water, and that the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District will add \$5,000 towards the cover crop incentive program, which she is working with the group to coordinate. This illustrates how far the work group has come in working together and trusting each other. Loretta will be presenting results of this year's 3 field trials and is busy analyzing data. She was also selected to be a judge for the WI-Outstanding Young Farmer Award, and will be participating in that event at the end of the week. Any Board member interested in attending the Banquet on Saturday Jan. 28th at 5:30 at the Holiday Inn in Watertown should RSVP to Daphne. Lastly, Dr. Ribbing has been selected for the Ad Hoc Industrial Hemp Working Group appointed by the UW-Extension Associate Dean Patrick Robinson.

Witzel: Witzel shared that the volunteer team is finishing up their online course focused on the Essential Elements. It is amazing to know how much time goes in to create a 10 minute section of a 40 minute training, since you need to decide everything that you want the audience to see and hear. Witzel is working with Young to help committees as they continue to transition with Bonnie's retirement. Witzel is focusing on the volunteer and organizational parts of the dairy and livestock work, while Young will focus on education. The leaders executive board is continuing their transformation as an empowered group, by beginning work on fund management and visioning for the future.

Young: Young discussed the ongoing Youth Tractor & Machine Safety Course, which has completed 2 of its 3 Saturdays and will be followed up by a driving test in April. There are 52 youth between the ages of 12 and 16 participating in this year's Tractor Safety training course. Young is also hosting *Dairy Talk Tuesday*, held the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of January, which featured Dr. Mark Stephens discussing milk policies and pricing and Doug Reinemann talking about milking systems. Next month's *Dairy Talk Tuesday* will feature employee management and transition housing. Additionally,

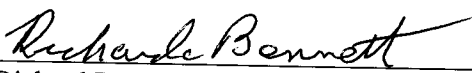
Young hosted an all-day farm succession meeting in Lomira focused on transition and will host two half day meetings in February on estate planning and retirement.


COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Bischoff and seconded by Bennett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned by Chairman Behl at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Bennett, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman